

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The courtesies extended by the Examiner during the telephone interview on March 22, 2006 with the undersigned are noted with appreciation. The above Amendment is made following the interview, and in response to the Interview Summary mailed April 6, 2006. The Examiner's helpful comments are noted with appreciation.

Claims 1-102 stand canceled.

Each of claims 103 and 104 has been amended to independent form, and has also been amended to provide the noted structural requirements distinguishing over the prior art including Wilson et al. U.S. Patent 6,155,432.

Claim 103 requires that the filter media capture droplets from a liquid to be filtered, and that the nanofibers are preferentially wetted by the droplets, and the coarse fibers are preferentially non-wetted by the droplets, whereby to create a capillary pressure gradient wicking droplets off the coarse fibers, facilitating drainage, and further requires that the nanofibers be hydrophylic, and the coarse fibers be oleophylic.

Claim 104 requires that the filter media capture and coalesce droplets from a liquid to be filtered, and that the nanofibers are preferentially non-wetted by the droplets, and the coarse fibers are preferentially wetted by the droplets, whereby to create a capillary pressure gradient wicking droplets off the nanofibers, facilitating coalescence and drainage, and further requires that the coarse fibers are hydrophylic, and the nanofibers are oleophylic.

Consideration and allowance of this application with claims 103, 104 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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